

# Butterfly garden workshop on Sept. 15

Learn how to attract some of nature's most beautiful winged creatures to your yard at the Bruce's Mill Butterfly Garden Workshop on Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Stouffville.

The workshop, led by John G. Powers and landscape architect Mike Bender, is \$30 and includes refreshments, lunch, the workshop and all materials.

Pre-registration is required by calling 887-5531.

The day-long workshop will teach green-thumbs how to plan, design and execute formal and informal butterfly gardens.

Other topics of the day will include: butterfly species identification; the different types of flowers for adult butterflies and plant foods for caterpillars;

planting techniques; habitat conservation methods; and more.

Workshop participants will learn by doing as they dig in to help to create a public butterfly garden at the conservation area.

John G. Powers is a butterfly specialist with over 40 years experience in the field.

He has developed a number of world-class butterfly and bug exhibits, authored several nature books and produced more than 50 incredible butterfly products.

Powers was recently the subject of an internationally broadcast nature documentary entitled, "The Butterfly Man", and is the founder and curator of the Winds of Paradise Tropical Garden - Canada's Naturium, a facility dedicated

to the education, appreciation and preservation of our world's natural environment. Mike Bender has worked as a landscape architect for The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for the last ten years.

During this time, he has been involved with a wide range of projects including the development of a waterfront park and a number of greenways, shoreline erosion control and environmental planning.

Bender believes that a balanced and holistic design and planting approach will better support and sustain people and the environment for the future.

For more information and to register for the Bruce's Mill Butterfly Garden Workshop, contact Bruce's Mill Conservation Area at 857-5531.

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